means for removably attaching the connector housing means to the body means such that the connector housing means and the body means are held together as a unitary module; and means for conveying a communications signal between the communications line and a signal utilizing device.

39. (Thrice Amended) A communications device, the communications device compliant with PCMCIA communications standards and which can be received by a signal utilizing device, comprising:

a connector housing adapted for interfacing with a communications line;

a card body adapted for making operative and removable connection with the signal utilizing device:

means for removably attaching the connector housing means to the body means such that the connector housing means and the body means are held together as a unitary module; and means for conveying a communications signal between the communications line and a

signal utilizing device.



68. (Once Amended) A communications device as defined in claim 34 wherein the means for conveying a communications signal comprises:

at least one recess means provided in the connector housing means, the recess means having dimensions such that a plug is closely received therein;

a first electrical conductor provided in the recess means, the first electrical conductor being positioned such that it makes electrical continuity with a first electrical contact in the plug when the plug is received by the recess means;

a second electrical conductor provided in the recess means, the second electrical conductor being positioned such that it makes electrical continuity with a second electrical contact in the plug when the plug is received by the recess means; and

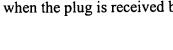
means for conveying any electrical signal present on the first and second electrical contact to the communications device.

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- 70. (Once Amended) A communications device as defined in claim 69 wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of RJ-11, RJ-12, and RJ-45 plugs.
- 71. (Once Amended) A communications device as defined in claim 34 wherein the communications device comprises a PCMCIA compliant communications card.
- 72. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 34, wherein the communications device is compliant with the height and length of a Type III card.
- 73. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 72 wherein the communications device comprises a PCMCIA Type III compliant communications card.
- 74. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 39 wherein the means for conveying a communications signal comprises:

at least one recess means provided in the connector housing means, the recess means having dimensions such that a plug is closely received therein;

a first electrical conductor provided in the recess means, the first electrical conductor being positioned such that it makes electrical continuity with a first electrical contact in the plug when the plug is received by the recess means;



a second electrical conductor provided in the recess means, the second electrical conductor being positioned such that it makes electrical continuity with a second electrical contact in the plug when the plug is received by the recess means; and

means for conveying any electrical signal present on the first and second electrical contact to the communications device.

- 75. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 74 wherein the recess means closely receives an RJ-xx series plug.
- 76. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 75 wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of RJ-11, RJ-12, and RJ-45 plugs.
- 77. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 39 wherein the communications device comprises a PCMCIA compliant communications card.
- 78. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 39, wherein the communications device is compliant with the height and length of a Type III card.
- 79. (New) A communications device as defined in claim 78 wherein the communications device comprises a PCMCIA Type III communications card.

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 34-39 and 68-79 are pending in this application, claims 34-39 and 68-71 of which stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103, and claims 72-